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SUBJEVT: CURRENT QUESTION OF 28TH UNGA: CONSULTATIONS

IN NEW YORK

REF: USUN 2704

1. EMBOFF COMVEYED SUBSTANCE REFTEL TO FONOFF UN
POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIV HEAD OWADA WHO, AFTER DISCUSSING
MATTER WITH UN AFFAIRS DIRGEN KAGEI, MADE FOLLOWING
RESPONSE.

2. IF ROK WISHES TO POSTPONE CONSULTATIONS BEYOND
JULY 31, GOJ IS OF COURSE AGREEABLE.

3. REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT AS WELL AS OTHER POINTS
CONTAINED REFTEL HAVE RAISED CERTAIN QUESTIONS ON
WHICH FONOFF DESIRES MORE DETAILED INFORMATION FROM
USG BEFORE DECIDING WHEN CONSULTATIONS MIGHT BE
RESCHEDULED AND WHO SHOULD APPROPRIATELY PARTICIPATE
FOR GOJ.

4. OWADA RECALLED THAT GOJ, IN PROPOSING TRIPARTITEO
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CONSULTATIONS, HAD BEEN MOTIVATED BY CONVICTION THAT

TACTICS IN UNGA SHOULD BE BUILT UP ON BASIS OF OUR LONG-
TEGM GOALS FOR KOREAN PENINSULA. SUCH CONSULTATIONS
AS ENVISAGED BY GOJ WOULD BE MUCH MORE POLICY
ORIENTED THAN DISCUSSION ON KOREAN QUESTION IN UN CONTEXT
THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE IN PAST YEARS. PROSPECT OF THESE

MORE BASIC CONSULTATIONS HAD PROMPTED FONOFF
INTENTION OF SENDING OFFICER FROM TOKYO TO PARTICIPATE.
FONOFF WONDERS IF USG SHARES GOJ CONCEPT OF CONSULTATIONS,
OR WHETHER USG CONCEIVES OF THEM AS BEING PRIMARILY TECHNICAL,
SUCH AS DISCUSSING SUBSTANCE OF RESOLUTION INVITING ADMISSION
TO UN OF TWO KOREAS. USG VIEW ON THIS POINT WILL INFLUENCE
FONOFF DECISION CONCERNING JAPANESE PARTICIPANTS IN
CONSULTATIONS AS WELL AS GOJ PREFERRED TIMING. ON LATTER POINT,
OWADA SAID THAT IF USG AGREES CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE VERY
FUNDAMENTAL AND POLICY ORIENTED, THEN FONOFF WOULD PREFER THEY
BE HELD NO EARLIER THAN END REPEAT END OF WEEK OF
AUGUST 6. REASON IS THAT FONMIN OHIRA EXPECTS TO
RETURN TO TOKYO AROUND AGUUST 6 AND FONOFF WOULD
PREFER TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH FONMIN
AND ADVISERS WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM TO WASHINGTON
SUBSTANCE OF WASHINGTON TALKS AS THEY BORE ON KOREAN
QUESTION, AS WELL AS TO GET FONMIN'S GENERAL APPROVAL OF
POSITION WHICH GOJ REPS WOULD PLAN TO TAKE IN NEW YORK
CONSULTATIONS.

5. IN BRIEF ASIDE, OWADA EXPRESSED GRAVE PERSONAL
CONCERN OVER RECENT ROK ESTIMATES OF PROBABLE
UNGA VOTE ON UNC. HE BELIEVES UNC IS NOT AS SECURE AS MANY PEOPLE
SEEM TO THINK BECAUSE OF INEVITABLE "PSYCHOLOGICAL
CONNECTION" BETWEEN UNCURK AND UNC.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON
SUBSTANCE AND LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION OF NEW YORK
CONSULTATIONS. WOULD BE HELPFUL IN THIS CONNECTION
TO KNOW WHO FROM DEPARTMENT MAY PARTICIPATE.
AS WELL AS OTHER HOME OFFICE PARTICIPATION PLANNED
BY ROK, AUSTRALIA AND UK.
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